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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF HEAD OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO ARAB
LEAGUE

1. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, HASSAN IBRAHIM, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HEAD OF GOJ DELEGATION TO RECENT CAIRO ARAB LEAGUE MEETINGS, OFFERED HIS IMPRESSIONS OF MEETING MOOD. IBRAHIM SAID THAT EGYPT AND DAMASCUS TENDED TO COOPERATE BEHIND THE SCENES, NOTING THAT GENERAL FEELING IN CAIRO SEEMED TO BE THAT CURRENT SYRIAN INTERVENTION IS ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO LEBANON PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL OF OUTSIDE FORCES WERE PRIMARILY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. IN CONTRAST, IBRAHIM NOTED LATER IN CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, THAT ARAB CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE ERODING AGAINST SYRIAN INTERVENION, PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF POOR TREATMENT OF PALESTINIANS (IBRAHIM IS A PALESTINIAN).

2. IBRAHIM COMMENTED THAT PALESTINIAN SPOKESMEN IN LEAGUE MEETINGS HARANGUED DELEGATES, INCLUDING
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JORDANIANS. HE SAID THAT FAHMY IN PARTICULAR

COMPLAINED THAT IN SPITE OF EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO MEET PALESTINIAN DEMANDS, THIS WAS NEVER CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT.

3. ON ANOTHER TOPIC, IBRAHIM COMMENTED THAT KING HUSSEIN'S MOST RECENT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FOR JORDANIAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND CONFIRMED THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD AN EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS BY JORDAN AND EGYPT. (AT PRESENT THERE IS NO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN JORDAN AS A RESULT OF A DISPUTE OVER THE LAST EGYPTIAN NOMINEE WHO WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO KING HUSSEIN.)
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